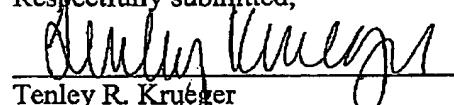


REMARKS

Applicants have submitted new claim 27, which was previously submitted and not entered, in preparation of the filing of an Appeal Brief. As stated previously, new claim 27 is essentially "rewriting an independent claim to incorporate therein all the subject matter of a dependent claim and canceling the dependent claim." See, 37 C.F.R. §41.33. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of new claim 27 for the purposes of appeal.

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